है। नवीनतम सर्वेक्षण जिसके लिए अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति जनसंख्या के अनुमान लगाए गए है, वर्ष 1987-88 (एन एस एस 43वां दौर) से संबंधित है।

(ख) वर्ष 1987-88 के लिए उपलब्ध नवीनतम सूचना का उपयोग करके यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि अनुमानित अनुसूचित जाति जनसंख्या का 49.85 मिलियन अथवा 41.47 प्रतिशत और अनुमानित अनुसूचित जनजाति जनसंख्या का 29.05 मिलियन अथवा 49.87 प्रतिशत उस वर्ष गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे रह रहे थे।

**Allocation of Naptha for State owned and Private Industries in Gujarat**

2896. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has sent its recommendation for allocation of naptha to state owned projects and private industries;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects and their requirement; and

(c) by when Government propose to allocate naptha and its quantity proposed to be allocated for each unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India have received proposals for allocation of 4.497 MMTPA of naphtha for 30 power projects to be set up in Private Public/joint sector in Gujarat. guidelines for allocation of liquid fuels including naptha for different proposed power projects are being prepared in consultation with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and state Governments.

**Fixation of Seniority in CPWD**

2897. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed for fixation of seniority in CPWD;

(b) whether it is a fact that seniority in CPWD is fixed on the basis of date of joining and not on the merit list;

(c) if so, the reasons for not following the MHA office memorandum No.9/11/ 55 RPS dated the 22nd December, 1959 in this regard;

(d) how many employees are affected as a result thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to rectify these lapses and to safeguard the interests of the affected employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The same criteria as fixed by the Department of Personnel and Training from time to time is being followed for fixation of seniority in CPWD.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Does not arise, in view of reply to (a) above.

**Foreign Hostages' Crisis in Jammu and Kashmir**

2898. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr it is a fact that the Union Home Ministry has constituted a highpower Review Committee to sort out the foreign hostages' crisis in the troubled State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details regarding its composition;

(c) how far it has succeeded in its plan; and

(d) whether co-operation of the Jammu and Kashmir Government has also been taken to end the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) Government has been reviewing and monitoring the situation pertaining to the hostage crisis in J&K on a continuous basis. However, no specific Committee, for this purpose has been established. As part of the efforts to locate the foreign hostages, the State Government has constituted a Special